[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number and date of that order?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to place a copy of that order on the table?

(*d*) Were the medicines delivered according to the agreement?

(*e*) Did the Government modify the original contract to the effect that the medicines should be delivered at Arkonam whence they should be conveyed at Government cost, and get down the medicines at their own cost from Bombay?

(*f*) If so, what excess expenditure did the Government incur on account of transport charges for getting the medicines down to Trivandrum, in accordance with the above modification in the contract?

(*g*) Has any further correspondence been carried on in this matter since then?

(*h*) Will the Government be pleased to place such correspondence, if any, on the table?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes

(*b*) No. A/X, dated the 3rd July 1920, from the Darbar Physician.

(*c*) A copy† of the order is laid on the table.

(*d*) Yes, except as regards one condition.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) In view of the answer to part (*e*), this question does not arise.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) No, as the matter is still undecided.

Evening Markets.

140. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the total revenue derived from evening markets?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that almost all who resort to the evening markets are poor people and coolies?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that the collection of dues from evening markets causes great hardship to them?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that dues are collected by the contractors of evening markets, in almost all cases, at rates higher than the prescribed rates?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to prevent such vagaries?

(*f*) Will they be pleased to stop the collection of dues from evening markets?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The total revenue derived from evening markets for the year 1100 is Rs. 3,307-Chs. 17-Cash 2.

† *Vide* Appendix VI—page 502.

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(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) No complaint has been brought to notice in regard to the collection of dues from these markets.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) The Proverthikars and Tahsildars have been asked to watch and report such vagaries, if any.

(*f*) Evening markets are either public or private. Leases for the collection of tolls in the former and licenses for the latter have already been given for 1101. However, the Land Revenue Commissioner has been asked to see that the levy of fees in such markets is stopped, compensation being paid, if absolutely necessary.

Pay of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

141. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): (1) Are the Government aware that, before the re-organisation of 1098, the Sub-Assistant Surgeons were getting just half of the pay of the Assistant Surgeons, but that the proportion has not been kept up after the re-organisation?

(2) Do the Government know if the Darbar Physician received a memorial from the Sub-Assistant Surgeons in 1099, regarding the re-organisation of 1098?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to say what action they propose to take in the matter?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) It is just three years since the re-organisation was effected. It is too soon to take up the question of revision of pay again.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Government admit that the proportion between the pay of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons and the Assistant Surgeons was reversed after the reorganisation of 1098?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not exactly a reversal of the proportion; it is a difference in the proportion.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Yes. Whereas the Assistant Surgeons used to get the salary of Rs. 80-140; previous to the reorganisation, they are now given from Rs. 100-200; the Sub-Assistant Surgeons used to get Rs. 80, that is the same minimum and there is no increase as far as they are concerned while the others have been given an increase. May I know why there was a revision in the one case and there was no revision in the other case?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): If I understand right there was a change of pay introduced by the re-organisation though of course the same proportion was not kept up.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know what is the qualification obtaining among the Sub-Assistant Surgeons?

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